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To: Lemire, Ashley
CC: CBSA-ASFC-Media Relations; McGiffin, Cailin; Genest, Hubert; Kaminska, Colleen
BCC:
Subject: For MMR/ASHLEY Approval - CAT 1 Media Request: Campobello POE (Washington Post /

Sent Date: 2019-10-28 14:38
Received Date: 2019-10-28 14:38

Hi Ashely,

CAT 1 for your approval – this is the same response used in September.

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Issue / Enjeu

Campobello POE

Media / Média

Washington Post

Deadline / Échéance

Oct 29 @ 16:00

Call Received

Oct 28 @ 14:28

Context / Contexte

Located in Welshpool, NB on Campobello Island. The only direct connection to New Brunswick is via a seasonal ferry to Deer Island, NB. The island's only direct connection to the mainland is via the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Bridge to Lubec, Maine. Any goods destined to Campobello from Canada, included mail shipments, is required to transit through the United States.

Previous media story: Oct 28: On a remote New Brunswick island, a mail battle brews with U.S.
<<https://www.infomedia.gc.ca/ps-sp/2019/10/28/223600805>> Globe and Mail

QUESTIONS

Q1. Is CBSA involved in trying to resolve this issue?

Q2. If so, what is the status of those discussions?

Q3. Do you know why the mail is being opened?

Q4. For context, is this something that CBSA agents regularly do at the U.S.-Canada border in Port Roberts? It seems that residents of Port Roberts also must travel through a foreign country (in this case, Canada) to reach the mainland United States.

Q5. Has this ever happened before and if so, how were those issues resolved?

Response: (previously approved Sept 18 – sent to CBC, NB reporter

The Canada Border Services Agency can only speak to its operations. If goods are entering the United States (U.S.), then the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CPB) has jurisdiction to perform inspections as per their policies and laws. For questions about goods entering the U.S. through postal, please contact the U.S. CBP directly.

Campobello, New Brunswick is a geographically unique area. The island's only direct connection to the mainland is via the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Bridge to Lubec, Maine, and during summer months, via a privately run toll ferry. All goods destined to Campobello Island, from other parts in Canada, are required to transit through the United States and are therefore considered international mail items.

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is responsible for screening all goods coming into Canada and examining more closely those that may pose a threat to the safety of Canadians. The Agency uses risk management principles to expedite international mail processing without compromising the safety and security of Canadians. Upon arrival in Canada, all international mail items are presented by Canada Post to the CBSA for processing. CBSA officers examine all international mail/packages to determine admissibility and identify goods subject to duties or taxes. Some international mail/packages may be subject to a more in-depth exam. An officer may at any time, up to the time of release, examine any mail that has been imported and open any such mail. Should the officer suspect on reasonable grounds that the mail contains any goods that are prohibited, controlled or regulated under any Act of Parliament, the officer may take samples of anything contained in such mail in reasonable amounts. Any mail items that have been opened and examined by the CBSA are normally sealed with tape marked "Opened by CBSA." Additionally, an officer may include form E605: "Your Package Has Been Examined" in the parcel, when a mail item was opened due to missing information on the declaration.

The Agency's goal is to process international mail/packages as quickly as possible, while ensuring inadmissible goods do not enter Canada.

More information on international mail processing can be found <<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/import/postal-postale/menu-eng.html>> here.

CAT 1 Input and Approvals

Coralee Reid, Team Lead Communications Atlantic (approved)

Stephane Malépart, A/D Eastern Region (for awareness only)

Charlotte Demers-Doiron, Director Southern New Brunswick (for awareness only)

Chastity McKinnon, a/Director CPSD (for awareness only)

Chris Lorenz, RDG Atlantic (for awareness only)

Ashley Lemire, Manager, Media Relations (pending)

From: Giolti, Patrizia **Sent Date:** 2019-01-11 17:06
To: Hill, PeterD(CBSA); Bolduc, Martin; Thompson, Kathy **Received Date:** 2019-01-11 17:06
CC: Blanchard, NathalieX; Eves, David; Laflamme, Edith; Stanton, Jacqueline; CBSA-ASFC-Media Relations; Archipow, Nancy; Easton, Erika-Kirsten; Raider, Marc; McGiffin, Cailin; Genest, Hubert; Bott, Jeremy; Scott, Stephen; Melchers, Charles; Murray, Don; MacLennan, Isabelle
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We have checked with the program area and have minor edits.

Please let us know if you have concerns.

Thanks, pat

*email trail for context

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These new authorities are designed to allow the CBSA to take additional measures in interdicting high risk export priorities, such as counter proliferation and the exportation of stolen vehicles, neither of which are a high risk to be exported into the U.S.

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Sent Date: 2019-01-11 14:04

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Hi Commercial Program.

MO reached into Communications as they have been asked to comment on concerns raised by New Brunswick about C-21's impact on Campobello Island. They have put together the proposed response, pasted below, which we want to run through you to ensure that your area is comfortable with it.

Can I ask you to please have a look and let us know by 3pm if you have any concerns? Thanks in advance!

Cailin

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Nathalie,

Further to our conversation, is there a way to be more specific with bullet number 4. Can we elaborate on how it does not affect residents of Campobello Island.

The question/concern remains that residents of Campobello Island must leave Canada transit through the US to return to Canada. The impact is that they may be subjected to the additional layer of screening that did not exist prior to the implementation of C-21 meaning they would possibly have Canadian goods searched that would not have been searched upon export previously.

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BCC:
Subject: FW: Urgent: Campobello response

Hi Pat,

Please note the Minister's letter on Campobello, which has been tasked to the President's Office for feedback.

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Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 2:51 PM
To: Don.Murray@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca
Cc: Scott, Stephen; Cheesbrough, Elizabeth (PS/SP); Bardsley, Scott (PS/SP)
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Hi Don,

The Minister has drafted the attached in response to the media coverage in New Brunswick of C-21 and how it will affect Campobello residents.

Can you let us know if there are any flags for the Agency?

David

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To: McGiffin, Cailin **Received Date:** 2019-01-11 15:25
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BCC:
Subject: RE: *MEDIA CHECK* FW: MO request -- letter from New Brunswick Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Greg Thompson

Hi Cailin,

Please see updates below in red.

Approved by Mike Leahy.

Thank you

Rachel Baxter

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Importance: High

Hi Commercial Program.

MO reached into Communications as they have been asked to comment on concerns raised by New Brunswick about C-21's impact on Campobello Island. They have put together the proposed response, pasted below, which we want to run through you to ensure that your area is comfortable with it.

Can I ask you to please have a look and let us know by 3pm if you have any concerns? Thanks in advance!

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Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 11:27 AM

To: Cheesbrough, Elizabeth (PS/SP)
Cc: Morais, Alain (PS/SP); Bott, Jeremy (Ext.)
Subject: RE: Island at risk of being further cut off from Canada, says Senator

Hello Liz,

As requested,

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Thanks,

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Approved by Mike Leahy A/Director General, Commercial Programs.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

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Our government recognizes the special role the border plays in the everyday lives of the people of Campobello Island and is committed to ensuring it works smoothly and efficiently for them.
Initial media coverage suggested that C-21 "requires an export manifest to be given to the Canada Border Services Agency at land border crossing in Calais, Maine. Import documents would then be required as the goods re-enter Canada."
In fact, for commercial goods, import requirements and export reporting requirements remain unchanged, including the exemption for commercial goods destined to the United States.
C-21 gives CBSA officers the authority to require the reporting of goods exported from Canada, including exempted goods, and the authority to examine any goods at any time up to the time of exportation. This authority is subject to an officer's discretion and does not mean all goods require an export declaration.

This measure will help with priorities like counter proliferation and the export of stolen vehicles, neither of which are a high risk at the US border.

We look forward to working with Minister Thompson to clarify this matter and ensure the border works for Campobello Island.

If pressed

For movements of in-transit goods through the US to Canada, CBSA can examine the goods upon re-importation, as they already do.

We have not yet received a letter from New Brunswick Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Greg Thompson on C-21.

From: Murray, Don [mailto:Don.Murray@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca]

Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 11:27 AM

To: Cheesbrough, Elizabeth (PS/SP)

Cc: Morais, Alain (PS/SP); Bott, Jeremy (Ext.)

Subject: RE: Island at risk of being further cut off from Canada, says Senator

Hello Liz,

As requested,

Also, please note that Martin Bolduc advises that he spoke to the Senator after the Committee appearance to reassure him that Bill C-21 would not impact Campobello Island residents.

* The new export provisions of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Customs Act, give CBSA officers the authority to require the reporting of goods exported from Canada, including exempted goods, and the authority to examine any goods at any time up to the time of exportation. This authority is subject to an officer's discretion and does not result in all goods requiring an export declaration.

* The current export reporting requirements outlined in the Reporting of Exported Goods Regulations for commercial goods remain unchanged, along with the current reporting exemptions (e.g. commercial goods destined to the United States are exempt from reporting).

* The requirements to import commercial goods outlined in the Customs Act, are not affected by Bill C-21.

* Bill C-21 does not impact residents of Campobello Island in relation to current import/export processes for commercial goods.

o Export examination priorities are counter-proliferation and stolen vehicles, neither of which are high risk at the Canada-US border, including in-transit movements to Campobello Island.

o For movements of in-transit goods destined through the US to Canada, should there be a security concern, the CBSA would examine the goods upon re-importation, as per our current import processes using existing authorities found in the Customs Act.

Don Murray

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From: Goodale, Ralph E. - M.P. [mailto:ralph.goodale@parl.gc.ca]

Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 4:34 PM

To: Bardsley, Scott (PS/SP); Swan, Jennifer (PS/SP)

Subject: FW: NB wants delay of implementation of Bill C-21 - Telegraph-Journal

From:

Sent: January 10, 2019 2:58 PM

To: Goodale, Ralph E. - M.P. <ralph.goodale@parl.gc.ca>

Subject: NB wants delay of implementation of Bill C-21 - Telegraph-Journal

Hi Ralph,

New Brunswick Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Greg Thompson says he is sending a letter to you to ask for a delay in

Bill C-21's implementation before his department can sit down with yours to discuss concerns about the bill's effect on the island community of Campobello Island, and to ask for clarity on how this will impact residents who travel across the border on a daily basis. Is this something you would discuss with the province of New Brunswick? Would you accept that meeting, and are you capable of delaying implementation?

Thanks,

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2019-11-25

From: Raider, Marc
To: Gadbois St-Cyr, Judith
CC: Lemire, Ashley; CBSA-ASFC-Media Relations
Subject: Re: For Marc - CAT 2 Media Request - Campobello, NB - Mail importation via US

Sent Date: 2019-09-18 09:23
Received Date: 2019-09-18 09:23

OK, thanks.

Marc Raider
Executive Director / Directeur exécutif
Communications / Communications

Social Committee Champion / champion du comité social
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Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 18, 2019, at 10:20 AM, Gadbois St-Cyr, Judith <Judith.GadboisSt-Cyr@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca <mailto:Judith.GadboisSt-Cyr@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca> > wrote:

Marc,

For your approval please.

The reporter is asking about the very specific situation of Campobello island (NB) where domestic mail is screened by USCPB and then sent back to Canada for a second examination because the only direct connection to the mainland is via the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Bridge to Lubec, Maine. The reporter is mostly interested in the CBSA's practice when BSOs open mail and package.

Commercial program insisted to include more details to the proposed response.

Thank you very much.

Judith

Region / Région : EAST

Category / Catégorie: 2

JUDITH is handling this file

Issue / Enjeu

Campobello, NB - Mail importation via US

Media / Média

CBC Saint John,

Deadline / Échéance

End of Day 1700 hrs (ADT)

Call Received

September 17, 2019 12:04

Context / Contexte

The reporter is contacting the CBSA to confirm that Campobello Island residents (NB) who received packages from Canada through Canada Post that had been marked as opened by US Customs. .

Previous media story: Financial Post: The island Canada forgot: On Campobello, citizens are left exiles in their own land

<https://business.financialpost.com/news/economy/the-island-canada-forgot-on-campobello-citizens-are-left-exiles-in-their-own-land>

Q1: What are the US guidelines, if any?

Q2: I'm wondering if this has ever happened before and whether CBSA has any policies or concerns around the practice? He suggests it's new for him.

Response:

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The Agency's goal is to process international mail/packages as quickly as possible, while ensuring inadmissible goods do not enter Canada.

More information on international mail processing can be found here <<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/import/postal-postale/menu-eng.html>> .

Approvals:

Shaleigh Anthony-Lank – Superintendent, Campobello: provided background information

Charlotte Demers-Doiron – Director Southern New Brunswick: approval

Chastity McKinnon – a, Director CPSD: Awareness

Chris Lorenz, RDG Atlantic: Awareness

Fred Gaspar, DG Commercial Programs (approved)

Ashley Lemire, MMR (approved)

Marc Raider, ED, Comms (pending)

Erika-Kirsten Easton, DG Comms (pending)

Peter Hill, VP Commercial and Trade (for awareness)

Kathy Thompson, VP SPB (for awareness)

EVP|PO|MO|PCO (for awareness)

From: Prasad, JohnnyS
Sent Date: 2019-01-08 15:18
To: Giolti, Patrizia; DGO-CPD / ODG-CPSC (CBSA/ASFC); Desrosiers, Martha; Marier, Danick
Received Date: 2019-01-08 15:18
CC: Easton, Erika-Kirsten; Genest, Hubert
BCC:
Subject: Re: For Prog input - : Island at risk of being further cut off from Canada, says Senator

Hi Patrizia,

CBSA would not be in a position to comment on US CBP processes but the response drafted by Canada Post sounds accurate.

Nothing further to add.

Johnny

From: Giolti, Patrizia
 Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 3:13 PM
 To: DGO-CPD / ODG-CPSC (CBSA/ASFC)
 Cc: Prasad, JohnnyS; Easton, Erika-Kirsten; Genest, Hubert
 Subject: RE: For Prog input - : Island at risk of being further cut off from Canada, says Senator

Apologies!

Canada Post aims to close today (latest tomorrow morning).
 Thanks!

From: DGO-CPD / ODG-CPSC (CBSA/ASFC)
 Sent: January 8, 2019 3:12 PM
 To: Giolti, Patrizia <Patrizia.Giolti@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>
 Cc: Prasad, JohnnyS <Johnny.Prasad@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>; Easton, Erika-Kirsten <ERIKA-KIRSTEN.EASTON@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>; Genest, Hubert <Hubert.GENEST@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>; DGO-CPD / ODG-CPSC (CBSA/ASFC) <CBSA.DGO-CPD-ODG-CPSC.ASFC@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>
 Subject: RE: For Prog input - : Island at risk of being further cut off from Canada, says Senator

Can you please provide BF date?

Thank you,

Marie-Pier

From: Giolti, Patrizia
 Sent: January 8, 2019 2:36 PM
 To: DGO-CPD / ODG-CPSC (CBSA/ASFC) <CBSA.DGO-CPD-ODG-CPSC.ASFC@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>
 Cc: Prasad, JohnnyS <Johnny.Prasad@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>; Archipow, Nancy <Nancy.Archipow@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>; Easton, Erika-Kirsten <ERIKA-KIRSTEN.EASTON@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>; Genest, Hubert <Hubert.GENEST@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>
 Subject: RE: For Prog input - : Island at risk of being further cut off from Canada, says Senator

Hello can we please get input on this?

Our Canada Post counterparts contacted us to flag that they have received the following media call related to Campobello Island. They have asked for any info we may have to contribute to their response.

Do we have any messaging we can share with CP to expedite their response?

Please advise. Thanks, Pat

Here is what CP is proposing – if we have any suggested/added info to enhance their response, please advise. Thanks!

Canada Post proposed response:

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From:

Sent: January 8, 2019 10:47:58 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

To: Media

Subject: Canadian mail being checked at border

Hi there,

Residents from Campobello Island, a Canadian island that connects through a bridge to Maine, have reported incidents where their mail is being searched and sniffed by dogs when packages of cannabis are being sent to their homes. As the island's only link to the mainland is on the American side, mail has to go through the U.S. to get to them. Cannabis is legal in Canada, though it is not legal in the U.S.

Can you confirm for me that mail containing cannabis, regardless of whether it is going to Campobello Island, could be checked by dogs at the border. In other words, it's given the same treatment as mail heading for an American destination. Or is there a specific bypass it is sent through because it's headed to a Canadian destination, and can only get there through the U.S.?

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[Open](#)[Download](#)**From:** McGiffin, Cailin**Sent:** 2019-01-08 15:00**To:** Genest, Hubert**Date:****Received:** 2019-01-08 15:00**Date:****CC:****BCC:****Subject:** RE: For Prog input - : Island at risk of being further cut off from Canada, says Senator

No, was it tasked by MR to Commercial?

Cailin McGiffin

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From: Genest, Hubert

Sent: January 8, 2019 2:25 PM

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Hello,

We have been advised that this should be sent to Commercial for input, possibly Johny Prasad.

Thank you,

Robert Morrison

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Adjoint administratif, Bureau de la Directeur général, Direction du programme des voyageurs, Direction générale des programmes

From: Le Gras, Gilbert

Sent 2019-10-29 10:27

To: Lemire, Ashley; Raider, Marc

Date:

Received 2019-10-29 10:27

Date:

CC:

Subject: RE: FYSA and one question on the U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

I know this was your response to the Washington Post yesterday on Campobello, there seemed to be appetite for a bit more during discussions on the border conference call this morning.

Q1. Is CBSA involved in trying to resolve this issue?

Q2. If so, what is the status of those discussions?

Q3. Do you know why the mail is being opened?

Q4. For context, is this something that CBSA agents regularly do at the U.S.-Canada border in Port Roberts? It seems that residents of Port Roberts also must travel through a foreign country (in this case, Canada) to reach the mainland United States.

Q5. Has this ever happened before and if so, how were those issues resolved?

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From: Le Gras, Gilbert

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 10:48 AM

To: 'Ashley.lemire@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca' <Ashley.lemire@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>; Marc Raider <Marc.Raider@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>

Subject: FYSA and one question on the U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

Good morning,

Please see the attached article and note that the U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse goes live on January 6, 2020.

Canadian carriers operating in the United States will need to comply with the clearinghouse.

Do you have any kind of public service announcement planned for this?

Thank you,

Gilbert

Gilbert Le Gras

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From: Archipow, Nancy **Sent Date:** 2019-01-08 14:17
To: 'LAPOINTE, Sylvie'; Easton, Erika-Kirsten **Received Date:** 2019-01-08 14:17
CC: WALSH, Aurelie; Giolti, Patrizia; Raider, Marc; Genest, Hubert; DGO_TPD/BDG-DPV (CBSA/ASFC)
BCC:
Subject: RE: Information: Media request: Brunswick News

Hi Sylvie,

Is your deadline flexible? We have engaged our Program area and are waiting for a response.

From: LAPOINTE, Sylvie [mailto:Sylvie.Lapointe@canadapost.postescanada.ca]
 Sent: January 8, 2019 2:10 PM
 To: Easton, Erika-Kirsten <ERIKA-KIRSTEN.EASTON@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>; Archipow, Nancy <Nancy.Archipow@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>
 Cc: WALSH, Aurelie <aurelie.walsh@canadapost.postescanada.ca>; Giolti, Patrizia <Patrizia.Giolti@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>; Raider, Marc <Marc.Raider@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>; Genest, Hubert <Hubert.GENEST@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>
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 To: 'Easton, Erika-Kirsten' <ERIKA-KIRSTEN.EASTON@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>; Archipow, Nancy <Nancy.Archipow@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>
 Cc: WALSH, Aurelie <aurelie.walsh@canadapost.postescanada.ca>; Giolti, Patrizia <Patrizia.Giolti@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>; Raider, Marc <Marc.Raider@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>; Genest, Hubert <Hubert.GENEST@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>
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Thank you for the follow up, it is very useful.

This is the response we will be sending shortly. Please let me know before 2:30pm if you have any concern with this statement:

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Thank you!
 Sylvie

From: Easton, Erika-Kirsten [mailto:ERIKA-KIRSTEN.EASTON@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca]
 Sent: January-08-19 12:45 PM
 To: LAPOINTE, Sylvie <Sylvie.Lapointe@canadapost.postescanada.ca>; Archipow, Nancy <Nancy.Archipow@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>
 Cc: WALSH, Aurelie <aurelie.walsh@canadapost.postescanada.ca>; Giolti, Patrizia <Patrizia.Giolti@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>; Raider, Marc <Marc.Raider@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>; Genest, Hubert <Hubert.GENEST@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>
 Subject: RE: Information: Media request: Brunswick News

I don't believe we have a media call related to Campobello Island at this time, however our MinO has asked us operational questions related to the article below (specifically how export and import documents will work for residents).

Will see what our Programs colleagues might have to offer in terms of info to help with your request.

Pat – pls note and action.

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Sent: January 8, 2019 12:21 PM

To: Easton, Erika-Kirsten <ERIKA-KIRSTEN.EASTON@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>; Archipow, Nancy <Nancy.Archipow@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>

Cc: WALSH, Aurelie <aurelie.walsh@canadapost.postescanada.ca>

Subject: Information: Media request: Brunswick News

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To: 'LAPOINTE, Sylvie'; Easton, Erika-Kirsten **Received Date:** 2019-01-08 14:17

CC: WALSH, Aurelie; Giolti, Patrizia; Raider, Marc; Genest, Hubert; DGO_TPD/BDG-DPV (CBSA/ASFC)

BCC:

Subject: RE: Information: Media request: Brunswick News

Hi Sylvie,

Is your deadline flexible? We have engaged our Program area and are waiting for a response.

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Sorry, a few edits, here is the statement, please let me know before 2:30 if you have any concern: >

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CC: WALSH, Aurelie; Giolti, Patrizia; Raider, Marc; Genest, Hubert

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Sent Date: 2019-01-08 13:59

Received Date: 2019-01-08 13:59

Thank you for the follow up, it is very useful.

This is the response we will be sending shortly. Please let me know before 2:30pm if you have any concern with this statement:

The process in order to get mail and parcels to Campobello Island requires passage through US Customs and Border Protection. While we have a process where trucks that are crossing the border are sealed for security, the US Customs and Border Protection has a right to stop and search any truck at their discretion. During a random search, they can investigate and seize products.

Thank you!
Sylvie

From: Easton, Erika-Kirsten [mailto:ERIKA-KIRSTEN.EASTON@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca]
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Island at risk of being further cut off from Canada, says Senator
by: Adam Huras

OTTAWA A federal law meant to strengthen the country's borders will create new headaches for a community already cut off from the rest of the country, one of the province's senators warns.

Sen. David Adams Richards is urging the federal government and the province to work on restoring year-round ferry service to New Brunswick's Campobello Island.

Richards formally made the request by attaching it to Bill C-21, federal legislation that adds new reporting requirements for goods crossing into the United States. The ask is appended to the report of the bill, not the actual legislation.

He warns that Bill C-21, an amendment to the Customs Act, is about to make living on the island even harder.

There's currently no ferry service to the island in the province's southwest, meaning the only way goods can be shipped to Campobello Island is via St. Stephen into the state of Maine for a 77-kilometre journey, and then re-entering Canada to Campobello via an international bridge.

The ferry usually runs from the end of June to the end of September.

This year, however, it hasn't run at all due to needed repairs. It was originally expected to be back in the water in August, but the return date has been pushed back.

Bill C-21, which received royal assent in December, requires an export manifest to be given to the Canada Border Services Agency at land border crossing in Calais, Maine.

Import documents would then be required as the goods re-enter Canada.

There are additional hurdles as well, making it difficult for private contractors who need to travel through the U.S. from mainland New Brunswick to reach the island with workers and supplies.

Richards has since moved what's called an "observation," calling for the need for a mainland ferry service.

Essentially, it flags the issue to all parliamentarians.

Richards said he has concerns with "almost anything people transfer in their cars from one point in Canada to another across an international line."

"People in other parts of our country, near Vancouver Island and on the reserve that straddles the Quebec-New York border, find themselves in a similar position," he said. "It is the U.S. border officials that must be cognizant of this."

As an interim fix, Higgs government cabinet minister and Saint Croix MLA Greg Thompson has pitched to extend the season for the ferry service crossing to Campobello.

Thompson has pointed out some of the restrictions the island currently faces.

Due to current border restrictions, for example, hardwood cannot get from the New Brunswick mainland to the island through Maine.

However, a ferry can deliver that wood with no restrictions.

At a committee meeting studying the bill, Richards stressed that ferry service didn't exist during the summer.

"This creates a significant barrier to domestic trade and discriminates against residents of Campobello Island," he said.

Federal Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale has said he will look into the issue.

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Sent: January 8, 2019 10:47:58 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

To: Media

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Campobello, New Brunswick is a geographically unique area. The island's only direct connection to the mainland is via the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Bridge to Lubec, Maine, and during summer months, via a privately run toll ferry. All goods destined to Campobello Island, from other parts in Canada, are required to transit through the United States and are therefore considered international mail items.

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is responsible for screening all goods coming into Canada and examining more closely those that may pose a threat to the safety of Canadians. The Agency uses risk management principles to expedite international mail processing without compromising the safety and security of Canadians. Upon arrival in Canada, all international mail items are presented by Canada Post to the CBSA for processing. CBSA officers examine all international mail/packages to determine admissibility and identify goods subject to duties or taxes. Some international mail/packages may be subject to a more in-depth exam. An officer may at any time, up to the time of release, examine any mail that has been imported and open any such mail. Should the officer suspect on reasonable grounds that the mail contains any goods that are prohibited, controlled or regulated under any Act of Parliament, the officer may take samples of anything contained in such mail in reasonable amounts. Any mail items that have been opened and examined by the CBSA are normally sealed with tape marked "Opened by CBSA." Additionally, an officer may include form E605: "Your Package Has Been Examined" in the parcel, when a mail item was opened due to missing information on the declaration.

The Agency's goal is to process international mail/packages as quickly as possible, while ensuring inadmissible goods do not enter Canada.

More information on international mail processing can be found here <<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/import/postal-postale/menu-eng.html>> .

Hope this helps.

Thanks,

Ashley

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Sent: October 28, 2019 4:23 PM

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Subject: RE: Inquiry from the Washington Post about USCBP searches of mail destined for Campobello Island NB

David,

I am looping in our media relations colleagues to see what they might have in the bank in terms of media lines and for their overall awareness.

Merci!

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Importance: High

Charlene, André,

I am contacting you in relation to the article that appeared in The Globe and Mail yesterday on U.S. CBP searching mail destined for Campobello Park.

A reporter from The Washington Post has contacted our Embassy seeking comment.

Does CBSA have lines that could be shared with our Embassy?

Please see article below as well as messages from our Embassy.

Grateful for your consideration of this issue and reply.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David MacDuff
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On a remote New Brunswick island, a mail battle brews with U.S. over cannabis

U.S. customs officials have been searching packages bound for a community that, for most of the year, can only be reached from Maine – and locals aren't happy

GREG MERCER <<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/authors/greg-mercere/>>

CAMPOBELLO ISLAND, N.B.

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It's always been hard to keep secrets on tiny Campobello, an island cut off from the rest of Canada by the frigid Bay of Fundy tides. But for U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents, there appears to be a new interest in peering into the private lives of its residents – through their mail.

The U.S. agency's apparent concern over legalized cannabis has prompted an increased effort to search and seize mail bound for the New Brunswick island, and it's got islanders saying it's finally time they had a year-round transportation link to their own country.

"There isn't anybody here who hasn't had their mail opened," said Kathleen Case, the postmistress for the island's post office in Welshpool. "It's not just cannabis. It's every package, whether it's for the nursing home or the school or the library. There's no rhyme or reason to it."

For most of the year, there's only one way on or off Campobello Island, and that's across the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Bridge that connects to Maine. A private ferry through Canadian waters only runs in the summer months, which means domestic mail is driven about an hour through the United States by a bonded mail truck to reach the island with a population of fewer than 900.

The border has long been a fact of life here, and many people commute off-island daily to jobs or to get groceries in a place where they're on a first-name basis with U.S. border guards. But they say searching their mail, and opening things like prescriptions, medical records and mail-in ballots, is getting too personal. "That bothers me. That's one of our lifelines, our mail. There's some personal stuff in there," said Curtis Malloch, a lobster fisherman and former provincial MLA for the island. "We've got a bit of a crisis going on here."

In recent weeks, dozens of packages have arrived at the local Canada Post office marked with green tape indicating they've been opened by border officers. Islanders say they've had orders of medicinal marijuana and CBD oil seized, while shipments of fresh food or other goods are rifled through and delayed, or returned undelivered. The seizures have prompted the province's Cannabis NB agency to suspend marijuana deliveries to the island until a solution can be found.

While Canada Post acknowledged the U.S. agency's right to stop and search any truck, it said it is trying to resolve the issue. For now, driving the mail by truck through the United States remains the most reliable year-round option, the postal service said.

Residents complain the mail searches go far beyond cannabis deliveries. American agents have intercepted everything from interlibrary book transfers to passports to medication to parcels bound for the Roosevelt Campobello International Park, the former summer home of America's 32nd president.

"Those expectations of privacy that the rest of Canada has don't exist on Campobello," said Justin Tinker, an engineer who sits on the island's ferry committee. "But it's not for Canadians to decide how the U.S. applies its rule of law. It's up to Canada to ensure the rights and freedoms of Canadians on Campobello are preserved."

Mr. Tinker is among islanders calling for a year-round ferry connecting Campobello to the rest of New Brunswick, providing a reliable domestic route for the mail. Without it, the island's economy and population have declined because of an international border that deters commerce and residents, he says. Although more than 85 per cent of islanders say they're in favour of improved ferry service, there's little political will to pay for it, according to Mr. Tinker. "The single biggest

problem on the island right now is that so much is contingent on the goodwill of the United States," he said. "The lifestyle has been compromised to the point a lot of people don't see it as worth it any more."

Campobello resident Steve Hatch, a dual American-Canadian citizen who can hear the dogs barking across the water in Eastport, Me., on calm days, has filed a formal complaint with Canada Post about the mail issue. He, like many others, thinks the postal service needs to find a different route as soon as possible.

He remembers smuggling oranges onto the island as a boy in the backseat of his mother's car. It was a joke back then, sneaking contraband past authorities, but no one is laughing any more about how much more restrictive the U.S border has become.

"Everything is much more complicated here now," Mr. Hatch said. "Why are they doing this? Who knows. But we're not going to talk them out of it."

A spokesperson for the U.S. customs agency declined to discuss the recent interest in Campobello's mail, saying only that it has the authority to search anything passing through its borders.

"CBP officers possess broad search authority to ensure the safety and admissibility of all goods entering the United States. This includes the ability to inspect and search all persons, baggage and merchandise arriving in, or transiting through, the United States," Michael McCarthy said in an e-mail.

In some cases, letters have been opened, which has prompted concerns that social insurance numbers, credit card numbers and medical information could be compromised. Last May, the province hired a boat to carry islanders' ballots from a municipal by-election, to avoid possible confiscation at the border.

Islanders say they still love to live in a place where people rarely lock their doors. And they're willing to live with challenges that include driving more than two hours to reach a hospital in Saint John, or knowing if they're convicted of a crime, they won't be allowed to enter the United States. But they feel their precarious situation isn't appreciated by politicians on the mainland.

"We're a forgotten island," said Darlene Howlett, who runs a marine mammal interpretation centre. "We're Canadians and we're paying taxes here just like everybody else. But I feel like we're being tormented for being so isolated."

The complaints about opened mail, meanwhile, are becoming a daily occurrence as more and more packages are held up at the border. Brett Newman, the community's mayor, understands people's frustration. Life on Campobello has always been closely tied to whims of the U.S., but lately it's getting to be a bit too much.

"The U.S. is within their right to search any vehicle entering the country and the Canadian government has not only continued to allow this, there seems to be no talk or any means of a safer alternative in the future," he said. "Campobello residents are Canadians and having our personal mail inspected for no reason by another country is an attack on our very rights."

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Sent 2019-01-14 15:03

To: Genest, Hubert; McGiffin, Cailin

Date:

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Subject: RE: Urgent: Campobello response

These are the lines I have with the program right now. I believe Mike Junek has looked at them as well.

About the impacts of C-21 on 'encircled communities' such as Campobello.

* Although Bill C-21 introduced a discretionary authority to question travellers exiting Canada, there are no new obligations for travellers to report their departure nor present themselves when crossing from Canada to the U.S. Implementation of C-21 will be seamless as rather than introducing new infrastructure or reporting requirements, Canada and the United States are relying on an automated exchange of information to create exit records.

* Currently, goods exported to the U.S., including those in-transit through the U.S. to another place in Canada, are not required to be reported to the CBSA. Bill C-21 gives CBSA officers the authority to require the reporting of outbound goods normally exempted from the reporting requirement and provides officers with the authority to examine all exported goods. These authorities would be used on a case-by-case basis and does not mean all goods exported to the U.S. require an export declaration or will be examined.

* These changes will allow the CBSA to take additional measures in responding to the movement of high-risk people and goods.

If pressed

* For movements of in-transit goods through the U.S. to Canada, CBSA already has the authority to examine the goods upon re-importation into Canada to address any potential health, safety and security concerns.

From: Genest, Hubert

Sent: January 14, 2019 2:59 PM

To: McGiffin, Cailin <Cailin.McGiffin@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>

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Sent: January 14, 2019 2:58 PM

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Subject: FW: Urgent: Campobello response

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Hi Pat,
Please note the Minister's letter on Campobello, which has been tasked to the President's Office for feedback.
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Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 2:51 PM
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Subject: Urgent: Campobello response
Hi Don,
The Minister has drafted the attached in response to the media coverage in New Brunswick of C-21 and how it will affect Campobello residents.

Can you let us know if there are any flags for the Agency?

David

Franklin, Paulette

From: Gadbois St-Cyr, Judith
Sent: September 18, 2019 05:00 PM
To: Vinette, Denis R.; Cloutier, Jacques; Hill, PeterD(CBSA); Thompson, Kathy; Hawkins, Keren; Moor, Jonathan; Easton, Erika-Kirsten; Quinn, Robyn; Blanchard, NathalieX; Eves, David; Black, Catherine; Mintern, Pamela; Malépart, Stéphane; Ouellet, Fabrice; Genest, Hubert; Laflamme, Edith; Scott, Stephen; Giolti, Patrizia; Gunn, Rebecca; Clairoux, Lara; Provost, Stephanie; Loverock, Corey; Deveau, Pierre; Partridge, Matthew; Archipow, Nancy; Raider, Marc; Murray, Don; CBSA-ASFC-Media Relations; 'RCMP.HQMediaRelations-DGRelationsmedias.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca'; 'ps.comdo-comdo.sp@canada.ca'; 'ryan.cotter2@canada.ca'; 'Christine.O'Nions@pco-bcp.gc.ca'; CBSA-ASFC-Dist-Nightly_Media_Wrap-Rapport_des_médias; Communications_Central-South / Communications_Centre-Sud (CBSA/ASFC); Deveau, Pierre; 'Gilbert.LeGras@pco-bcp.gc.ca'; 'david.hurl@canada.ca'; 'olivier.cullen@canada.ca'; 'laura.lebel@canada.ca'; 'michael.milech@canada.ca'; 'scott.bardsley@canada.ca'; 'lynda.bourauoi@canada.ca'; 'elizabeth.cheesbrough@canada.ca'; 'stevie.obrien@canada.ca'; 'jordan.crosby@canada.ca'
Subject: CBSA Media Wrap for September 18, 2019 as of 17:00

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JUDITH is on standby this evening; she can be reached at

New Calls Received: **1** | Calls Closed: **2** | Proactives Received: **0** | Proactives Closed: **0**

CLOSED TODAY/Appels complétés aujourd'hui:

Region / Région : EAST	Category / Catégorie: 2	JUDITH is handling this file	
Issue / Enjeu	Campobello, NB - Mail importation via US		
Media / Média	CBC Saint John,		
Deadline / Échéance	End of Day 1700 hrs (ADT) – renegotiated (Sept 18 am)	Call Received	September 17, 2019 12:04
Context / Contexte	The reporter is contacting the CBSA to confirm that Campobello Island residents (NB) who received packages from Canada through Canada Post that had been marked as opened by US Customs.		
Status / Statut	Closed at 11:20am		
Q1: What are the US guidelines, if any? Q2: I'm wondering if this has ever happened before and whether CBSA has any policies or concerns around the practice? He suggests it's new for him.			
Response: The Canada Border Services Agency can only speak to its operations. If goods are entering the United States (U.S.), then the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CPB) has jurisdiction to perform inspections as per their policies and laws. For questions about goods entering the U.S. through postal, please contact the U.S. CBP directly.			

Campobello, New Brunswick is a geographically unique area. The island's only direct connection to the mainland is via the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Bridge to Lubec, Maine, and during summer months, via a privately run toll ferry. All goods destined to Campobello Island, from other parts in Canada, are required to transit through the United States and are therefore considered international mail items.

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is responsible for screening all goods coming into Canada and examining more closely those that may pose a threat to the safety of Canadians. The Agency uses risk management principles to expedite international mail processing without compromising the safety and security of Canadians. Upon arrival in Canada, all international mail items are presented by Canada Post to the CBSA for processing. CBSA officers examine all international mail/packages to determine admissibility and identify goods subject to duties or taxes. Some international mail/packages may be subject to a more in-depth exam. An officer may at any time, up to the time of release, examine any mail that has been imported and open any such mail. Should the officer suspect on reasonable grounds that the mail contains any goods that are prohibited, controlled or regulated under any Act of Parliament, the officer may take samples of anything contained in such mail in reasonable amounts. Any mail items that have been opened and examined by the CBSA are normally sealed with tape marked "Opened by CBSA." Additionally, an officer may include form E605: "Your Package Has Been Examined" in the parcel, when a mail item was opened due to missing information on the declaration.

The Agency's goal is to process international mail/packages as quickly as possible, while ensuring inadmissible goods do not enter Canada.

More information on international mail processing can be found [here](#).

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NIL

ANTICIPATORY QUERIES/ Demandes anticipatoires:

NIL

PROACTIVES ACTIVITIES/ Activités proactives:

NIL

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